Research Notes: Mary Daly Brudell (1845 - 1917)

Research Overview:

Mary Daly Brudell is one of the few Irish-born women in my direct line whose life can be followed with unusual steadiness across records created in Ireland. She was a native of Doon, in the Strokestown area of Roscommon, and her adult life is anchored there through a long sequence of civil birth registrations for her children. Those records hold more than dates: they document where the family lived, repeated naming patterns, and a stable home over nearly two decades of recorded births.

Mary married Thomas Brudell in Tulsk Parish on 1 February 1869. The marriage record preserves a small but telling contrast: Mary signed her name, while Thomas marked with an "x," a pattern that repeats later in the children's birth registrations. The surname also shifts across records—Brudle/Brudell—yet the family remains stable in place. Across the births of nine children in Doon, Thomas is consistently described as a farmer. The births span nearly two decades, and the survival of most of these children into adulthood creates a wide documentary footprint that is rare in this set of Roscommon families.

By 1901 and 1911, the Brudle household appears in the Irish censuses at Annaghmore, reduced in size as adult children left home and family members died. In 1901, Mary's sister Sarah ("Sally") Daly, married to Michael Daly, was enumerated next door, reinforcing the close physical clustering of the Daly family in this period. Also living next door was John Daly, who may have been Michael Daly's older brother, though he was not a brother of Mary Daly Brudell or Sarah Daly Daly. A few doors away lived Patrick Lenehan, a surname that later appears in U.S. census records as a cousin living with Michael Healy and Mary Brudell Healy, raising the possibility of a broader, locally rooted kinship network extending beyond immediate siblings. After 1911, Mary disappears from the census record, and her burial is recorded at Tulsk in February 1917.

Beyond her immediate household, Mary Daly Brudell is situated within a larger Daly family that is only partially visible in Irish records. Names preserved on my great-aunt's hand-drawn Daly family tree recur in civil

registrations, census entries, and later correspondence. Most of Mary's children later emigrated to the United States, where they settled near one another and maintained close family ties similar to their life earlier in Doon. Mary herself remained in Roscommon.

Speculative Narrative:
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Time Line:

1845 - Birth at Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[1]

1851 - Birth of sister Sarah "Sally" Daly (1851 - 1929) at Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[2]

Dec 1858 - Birth of brother Thomas James Daly (1858 -) at Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[3]

May 1860 - Birth of brother James Carlos Daly (1860 - 1923) at Roscommon, Ireland.[4]

12 Apr 1861 - Birth of brother Joseph Patrick Daly (1861 -) at Strokestown, Elphin, Roscommon, Ireland.[5]

1862 - Birth of sister Anna T "Ann" Daly (1862 - 1928) at Roscommon, Ireland.[6]

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[1] Birth record

[2] Sarah Daly Birth record

[3] "Ireland Births and Baptisms, 1620-1881", , *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FPB5-HX1 : 5 February 2020), Thomam Daly, 1858.

[4] "Find a Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVKK-FQRW: 12 May 2022), James Carlos Daly, ; Burial, Hillside, Cook, Illinois, United States of America, Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery; citing record ID 49855553, *Find a Grave*, http://www.findagrave.com.

[5] "Ireland Births and Baptisms, 1620-1881", database, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F5XW-6VF: 5 February 2020), Josephum Patritium Daly, 1861.

[6] "Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1871-1998", , *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QGNF-VXHW: Sat Aug 31 09:38:12 UTC 2024), Entry for Anna Daly and James Daly, 20 Feb 1928.

1863 - Birth of sister Bridget "Bee" Daly (1863 - 1941) at Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[7]

17 Mar 1865 - Death of father James Daly (1816 - 1865) at Doon, Killukin Parish, Roscommon, Ireland.[8]

1 Feb 1869 - Marriage to Thomas Brudell (1843 - 1922) at Tulsk Parish, Elphin, Roscommon, Ireland.[9]

Tulsk Church - Witnesses: Luke Brudle and Sally Daly. Mary Daly signs her name on the marriage record, and her husband, Thomas Brudle, marks it with an "x."

3 Nov 1869 - Birth of daughter Anne Daly Brudell (1869 -1945) at Doon, Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[10]

24 Sep 1871- Birth of son Michael J Brudell (1871 - 1944) at Doon, Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.

10 Sep 1873 - Birth of daughter Mary Cecelia Brudell (1873 - 1917) at Doon, Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[11]

[7] Birth of sister Bridget "Bee" Daly

[8] Ireland Civil Registration, 1845-1913", , *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QGM8-TTWQ: Mon Mar 04 16:41:13 UTC 2024), Entry for James Daly and Mary Daly, 17 Mar 1865.

[9] "Ireland Marriages, 1619-1898", , *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FGZ8-XCF: 6 February 2020), Mary Daly in entry for Thomas Brudle, 1869.

[10] "Ireland Births and Baptisms, 1620-1881", database, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F52Z-L9N: 15 February 2020), Anne Brudle, 1869.

[11] "Ireland Civil Registration, 1845-1913", , *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QGYH-C81K: Mon Mar 04 22:09:48 UTC 2024), Entry for Mary Brudle and Thomas Brudle, 10 Sep 1873.

15 Sep 1875 - Birth of son John Brudell (1875 -1888) at Doon, Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[12]

14 Dec 1877 - Birth of son James Joseph Brudell (1877 - 1953) at Doon, Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[13]

6 Jul 1880 - Birth of son Bernard James Brudell (1880 - 1946) at Doon, Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[14]

1 Dec 1882 - Birth of daughter Helen Frances "Ellen" Brudell (1882 - 1924) at Doon, Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[15]

16 May 1885 - Birth of son Thomas Brudell (1885 -) at Doon, Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[16]

9 Nov 1887 - Birth of daughter Gertrude "Rose" Brudell (1887 - 1962) at Doon, Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[17]

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[12] "Ireland Civil Registration Indexes, 1845-1958", , *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FB97-2ZZ: Wed Mar 20 15:59:16 UTC 2024), Entry for John Brudell, 1875.

[13] "United States World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942", , *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V1VL-ZLY: Sat Feb 24 03:56:55 UTC 2024), Entry for James Joseph Brudell, 1942.

[14] "Ireland Births and Baptisms, 1620-1881", database, *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FPT6-6BD: 5 February 2020), Bernard Brudle, 1880.

[15] "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947", , *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N3WY-QLR: Fri Mar 08 00:40:14 UTC 2024), Entry for Helen B. Major and Thomas Brudall, 2 July 1924.

[16] "Find a Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVG9-JJGR: 1 July 2020), Thomas Brudell, 1953; Burial, , ; citing record ID, *Find a Grave*, http://www.findagrave.com.

[17] "New York, U.S. District, and Circuit Court Naturalization Records, 1824-1991", *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:68LZ-R589: Sat Mar 09 23:19:32 UTC 2024), Entry for Gertrude Brudell, 12 Aug 1940.

10 Apr 1897 - Death of mother Anne Carlos (1817 - 1897) at Doon, Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[18]

24 Dec 1888 - Death of son John Brudell (1875 - 1888) at Doon, Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland.[19]

1901 - Irish Census at Annaghmore, Roscommon, Ireland.[20] On the 1901 census in Doon, Sally is listed as married to Michael Daly and living next door to her sister, Mary Brudle.

Thomas Brudle, 58
Mary Brudle, 55
James Brudle, 21
Bernard Brudle, 19
Thomas Brudle, 15
Gertrude Brudle, 12

1911 - Irish Census at Annaghmore, Roscommon, Ireland.[21]

Thomas Brudle, 68
Mary Brudell, 66
Thomas Brudle, 24
Gertrude Brudle, 22

Feb 1917 - Death (1845 - 1917) at Roscommon, Ireland.[22]

Feb 1917- Burial at Tulsk, Roscommon, Ireland.[23]

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[18] Ireland, Civil Registration Deaths Index, 1864-1958, Anne Daly

[19] Death of son John Brudell

[20] "Ireland Census, 1901," , *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QYLX-YJW2: 27 December 2018), Mary Brudell in entry for Thomas Brudell, 1901; citing Annaghmore, County Roscommon, Ireland, Census, National Archives of Ireland, Dublin.

[21] "Ireland Census, 1911," , *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QYLX-YJW2: 27 December 2018), Mary Brudell in entry for Thomas Brudell, 1911; citing Annaghmore, County Roscommon, Ireland, Census, National Archives of Ireland, Dublin.

[22] Death record

[23] "Ireland Census, 1911," , *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QYLX-YJW2: 27 December 2018), Mary Brudell in entry for Thomas Brudell, 1911; citing Annaghmore, County Roscommon, Ireland, Census, National Archives of Ireland, Dublin.

Appendix:

A. Yes, I do believe Mary Daly Brudle was much older than her youngest siblings. She doesn't appear in the 1901 Ireland Census, as she had already immigrated by then. The remaining children listed in that census are Bernard, Ellen, Thomas, and Gertrude.

Gertrude is recorded as age 12 in 1901, while her mother, Mary is listed as 55, meaning Mary was about 43 when Gertrude was born. This suggests Mary had children over a span of roughly 20 years.
From Daly researcher Ursula:

The Brudle–Daly family had nine children. Most lived to adulthood, with some immigrating to the United States. Some of the extended Brudell family immigrated to Australia.

B. 1901 Irish Census

Michael Daly (55)
Sarah (50)
James (17)
John (15)
Annie (13)
Patrick (11)

Next door John Daly. He could be Michael Daly's older brother. He is not the brother of Mary Daly Brudle or Sarah Daly Daly
John (61)
Bridget (60)
James (26)
Andrew (23) – this is not the Andrew Daly that is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Evanston, Illinois, too young.

Patrick Lenehan is a few doors down. The Lenehans or Lanahans show up on a US Census living with Michael Healy and Mary Brudell Healy as a cousin. Is this the family?
Patrick Lenehan (27) not married
Mary Kate (25) not married
Bernard (17) John

Did this Patrick marry Agnes born 1877? (see the 1911 Irish census)

These entries are included to preserve neighborhood context and possible family connections.

C.

The surname spelling for Thomas is from the children's birth records. Thomas was listed as a farmer in the townland of Doon on all of the children's birth registrations. When Thomas was the informant, he X'ed his mark. On the children's birth registrations, when Mary was the informant, she signed her name.

Doon is the townland, Strokestown is the Registrar's District and the Poor Law Union, and Bumlin is the Parish. Father Thomas is a farmer.

D.
Over time, my Irish cousin Ursula, in Dublin, has carried out extensive research and shared documents for individuals listed on my great-aunt Mary's hand-drawn Daly family tree.
Circumstantial evidence and DNA matches suggest an extensive presence of Daly's family in the U.S. My ancestor, Mary Daly Brudell, was a native of Doon, Strokestown, County Roscommon, Ireland. The next step is to trace land records in the area.

Additionally, locate any missing documents highlighted in red on the research timeline.